

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 12, 2008, and subsequent Advisory Action dated February 17, 2009, have been received and carefully noted. A full and complete Response to the Office Action was filed January 30, 2009. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks are submitted as a supplemental response in view of the Advisory Action.

By this Response, claims 7-8, 21, 24, 27, 30-31, and 34-35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-8, 21, 24, 27, 30-31, and 34-35 were the only rejected claims.


Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-6, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, 29, and 33 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending set of claims are now in condition for allowance, rendering any and all the rejections and/or objections presented in the Office Action moot.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 5-6, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, 29, and 33 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that all of claims 5-6, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, 29, and 33 be allowed, and that this application be passed to issuance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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